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Welcome to Week 24 at The Lighthouse Toowoomba.

This fortnight keeps getting better and better... We are so happy to be working with Hope Makers (community group) as they are meeting with students and their teachers in regular meetings here in the youth writers centre. It is exactly how we thought the centre would be used by the community in the pursuit of literacy based programs for children who need them.

Aunty Barb at Rockville State School is guiding Emma as they work with First Nations children for the Motamo Biennale in Belgium next year. If only we had the camera at the ready when we told the children their work was going overseas.



St Vincent De Paul Crisis Accommodation

Thank you to Twinkles Book Club volunteer Jo Kelly for bundling up these books for the team at SVDP Crisis Accommodation to gift to children of various ages who are in crisis accommodation. This is how we envisaged 'One Way

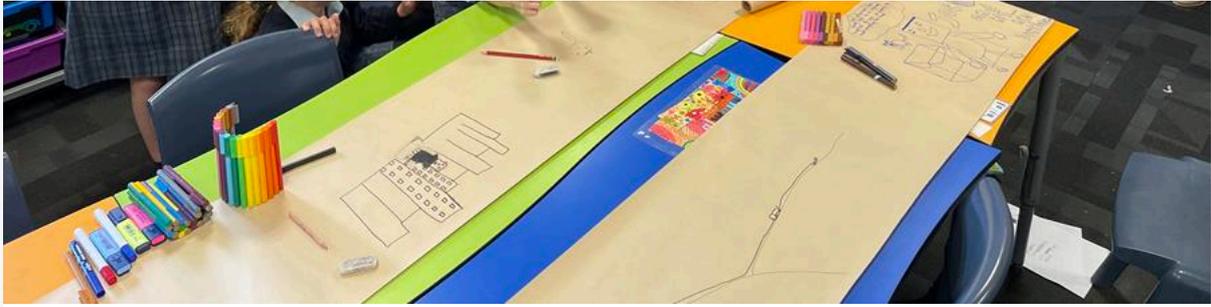
ages who are in care accommodation. This is how we envisaged 'One Way Library' working, with your incredible donations of preloved books being bundled up for children who need them right now! We are definitely always happy to receive donations so please don't hesitate to reach out if you are tapping in to your 'inner-Marie-Kondo'.



Emily sends Emma to the Classroom

Thank you so much to the Year 5 students at St Mary's Goondiwindi for effectively being crash test dummies as Emma trialed a new workshop 'The Rolling Story'. They collaborated on an 'overcoming the monster' plot based story and wrote and illustrated a draft on a splendidly long piece of paper which was 'rolled' out to the glee of the budding authors / illustrators. It was remarkable to see them move like a shoal of fish from the opening pages, edit as they walked together through the story, and comfortably decide they needed another draft! They went from being the creators of the story to being the editors in one simply transition, and we can't wait to see what happens with the story.





Miss Miller's Masterclass!

A tale from Kath Flanagan

It was wonderful to attend Miss Miller's story telling group on Friday 12th August - many thanks to the redoubtable Miss Miller and her merry band of children for having me there! Twelve children of various ages and stages attended and worked beautifully together.

Miss Miller got them into gear straightaway with getting them to greet each other in French. There was much extravagant bowing and arm twirling before they launched into "sticky walking" - they had to pretend they were walking on a mucky floor.

By this time all were thoroughly warmed up and launched into a number of different story telling exercises. Miss Miller guided them beautifully into giving their stories and words more life, vibrancy and urgency. The theme was the traditional story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears...except there was absolutely NOTHING traditional about the way the children chose to re-tell (and sometimes act out) their stories. At one stage, Goldilocks owned a chainsaw, pretended to be an electrician with a very fancy new 'do, and ate so much she waddled like an over stuffed penguin during a desperate last minute escape.

Beware Goldilocks. Who knows what these imaginative and talented children will have you up to next time!

(Kath joined The Lighthouse Toowoomba only three days ago!)



Hello Baby - it's Judging time!

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After wading through the fabulous creative and colourful entries for our Hello Baby competition we enlisted the help of a guest judge to help us choose the winners, runners up and highly commended. Jack Bennett from Emerge Cafe cast his discerning eye over the artwork and came up with his picks! The winning list has been embargoed for now... but will be announced at a morning tea at The Lighthouse on Tuesday 30 August hosted by Cr Geoff McDonald for the QCF - Queensland Charitable Funds.

*We have notified the winners via email, with an invitation to attend the Morning Tea.



Dates For Your Diary:



Botanicals

Tara McLean

Fairies + Flowers Workshop

especially for 12 - 15 year old creative botanists

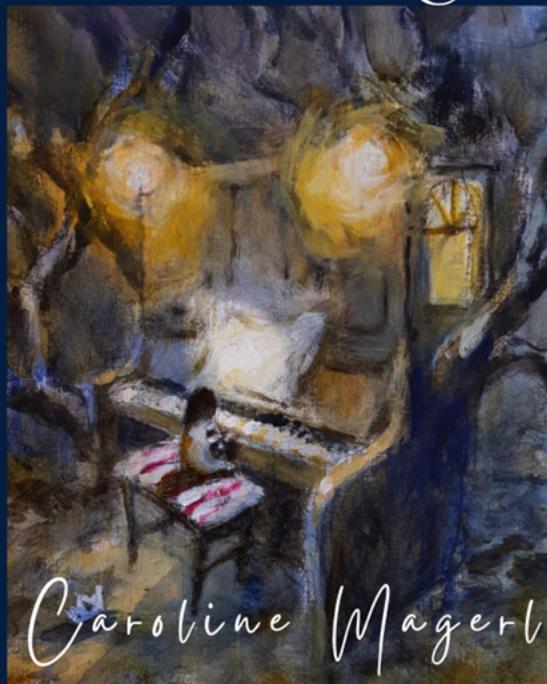
Wednesday 21st September

10:00am - 2:00pm

The Write Gallery

126 Margaret Street Toowoomba

Piano Fingers



Book Links AGM + Lunch

Saturday 8th October

12pm to 5pm

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126 Margaret Street, Toowoomba

Upcoming Workshops:

Botanicals by Tara McLean

Botanicals by Iain McLean

Free workshops! We are taking bookings for class groups on the following days:

Early Learning or Primary Sessions Tuesday 6th of September to Thursday 8th of September from 9am

Upper Primary or Secondary School Tuesday 6th of September to Thursday 8th of September from 11am

If you would like specific details about the links to the curriculum etc, please contact us hello@thelighthousewoomba.org to make a booking, and include: **Botanicals** in the subject line + preference for date / time.



INSTAPOETRY

Do you love reading Rupi Kaur, Nikita Gill, or Amanda Lovelace?
Ever wondered how instapoetry works?
Or how to get into creating your own?

Join us for a whole day of creating in The Write Gallery.
As part of this program you will workshop your ideas,
respond to artworks, and create your own instapoetry moment.
This is a project for students aged 15-17 years old.

MONDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER, 2022

9:30AM TO 3:30AM

PLEASE BRING A WATER BOTTLE AND LUNCH BOX.

REGISTRATION IS A MUST!



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Register Here!



[Instapoetry 19th September : Register Here](#)





BRISBANE CHILDREN'S WRITERS FESTIVAL

8 OCT 2022, 9:00AM - 4:30PM
QUEENSLAND WRITERS CENTRE

Brisbane Children's Writers Festival: a one-day festival jam packed with workshops, competitions with prizes, and fun activities for writers in grades 7-12. This year's theme is Dreams - explore your creative potential!



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Emerge Podcasting Sessions

The Emerge team kickstarted their podcast ambitions with a live chat on Facebook with Farmer Dave and Reggie Bird a fortnight ago. To watch their goals and aspirations being heard by tens of thousands of people means we can now hold them to it (wink wink). Our community will certainly be all the richer from listening to their stories.





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And just one more thing...

We would like to introduce Richard Hoult - Board Member (and the numbers guy!)

Richard popped in, just in time to catch us testing a template for 'clouds' which we are rolling out during Tarn's Botanicals exhibition in The Write Gallery. Our board members are all 'hands on' whilst bringing an incredible amount of

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x Emma



Thank yous!

Grateful, thankful, honoured, astounded ...just a few words that begin to touch the sides of a means of thanking our growing tribe of volunteers! We welcome new faces Seprina Budden, Kim Tubb and Nadia Emblen to the building and thank them for their charisma and capabilities!

We would also like to thank Roseanne Rowe, Libby Kelly and Michael Barber for their time in the gallery and John Randall for his expertise in grant writing.

And as always to our tribe who keeps the reception, gallery and twinkles ticking - we appreciate you all so much. We are so conscious there are many organisations in the community who also need support and we love that you have chosen The Lighthouse.

We also see many moments of incredible selflessness from readers with Hope Makers Community Group reading with Yazidi women, to the indefatigable energy of Caner Council and Emerge teams and love that is our own community in its entirety that benefits from this success.

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Lanyards STILL Wanted!

Do you have any lanyards lying about the place, left over from conferences or that last big event you went to? Give them a new lease of life at the Lighthouse! We would LOVE to use them for our happily expanding team of volunteers.



We've Got New Merch!

The Lighthouse merchandise range is growing - just in time for spring! We now have our very own flower presses for sale so you can preserve your posies and create some floral fabulousness.

We've also added Shadow Puppets and Notebooks to our offering. So pop in and say hello and pick yourself up some goodies! The fresh mountain is flying out the door...





Did You Know...

We can create VIP events and programs just for you and the organisation or school you represent, that align with our existing exhibitions such as the upcoming 'Botannicals' or 'Piano Fingers', and build collaborative experiences for your needs. Simply email hello@thelighthousewoomba.org to start the conversation.

We would love to hear your stories or reviews!

We know we live in a community of creative people. If you have any stories or reviews that you would like to share in our newsletter we would be thrilled to read them! We love short pieces that are appropriate for a general audience. Please submit them to media@thelighthousewoomba.org



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We acknowledge the original Indigenous storytellers of the land on which we work and tell our stories. We respect the ongoing relationships with water, land, and story by the people of this place, their elders, their ancestors, and their emerging leaders. We acknowledge that sovereignty was never ceded.

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